

# CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP

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### *Water & Sewer Authority to be Merged into Township*

In a move designed to increase operating efficiency and improve customer service, Cranberry Township and the Municipal Water and Sewer Authority have announced the effort to integrate sewer and water operations into a new organization structure within the Township. Details of the change will be worked out over the next few months by three committees made up of employees representing both entities. Final implementation of the merger is slated to become fully effective by August.

The announcement followed the adoption of a resolution by the Municipal Sewer and Water Authority on January 13, calling for higher levels of cooperation between the two organizations.

**THE RESULTING COST SAVINGS WILL DIRECTLY BENEFIT RATEPAYERS. EQUALLY IMPORTANT, PLANNING IMPROVEMENTS TO ACCOMMODATE THE COMMUNITY'S FUTURE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT WILL NOW BE MUCH MORE CLOSELY COORDINATED.**

Although some changes in job assignment are likely over time, consolidating operations of the Township with the Authority is not expected to bring about staff reductions, employees were told during a series of meetings on February 1. Instead, integration of the two agencies will better serve Cranberry's residents and local businesses. For example, developers seeking permits for new construction could soon be able to secure all necessary approvals from a single office. Site inspections could be conducted during a single visit. Purchasing activities and administrative services can be combined for greater savings. And equipment duplications can be reduced. The resulting cost savings will directly benefit ratepayers, Sewer and Water Authority Board Chairman John Milius noted.

Equally important, according to Township Supervisor Dick Hadley, planning improvements to accommodate the community's future growth and development will now be much more closely coordinated.

Although the intent is to integrate their 32 operating, engineering, and administrative employees into a single organization with the Township's 54-member staff, the Municipal Sewer and Water Authority will continue to function as a separate legal entity. The Authority's ability to issue and service bonds financing major capital projects will not be affected by the change. ●

## North Boundary Waterpark Master Plan

The Board of Supervisors and the Parks and Recreation Department have embarked upon a ten-year master plan of improvements to the North Boundary Waterpark, beginning this year through 2010.

Improvements planned for 2000 include concrete deck improvements and drainage, a new spray pad along with a sand play area. Shade umbrellas will be installed and additional landscaping will be done. Future improvements include a new drop slide with a platform, new tile depth and diving markers, and an expanded zero depth entry pool area.

If you haven't already, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 724/776-4806, Ext. 1128 to get your pool membership, or check the latest Parks and Recreation brochure for pool rates and programs. And don't forget the new evening rate of \$2 for residents and \$3 for nonresidents after 6 p.m. For up to the minute information on the Waterpark, visit our website at [www.twp.cranberry.pa.us](http://www.twp.cranberry.pa.us).

## In Memory



*Doris Cole*  
1941-2000

The Board of Supervisors, staff, and friends of the Township wish to say goodbye to our friend, Doris, who never failed to greet all of us with her ready smile when entering the office or with a smile in her voice when she answered the phone. We remember her willingness to help, but most of all, we remember how she made us laugh.

## Building Code Update

On November 10, 1999 Governor Tom Ridge signed Senate Bill 647 establishing a statewide building code, properly known as the PA Construction Code Act (Act 45).

Act 45 basically adopts the 1999 Building Officials Code Administrators (BOCA) and the 1998 International One- and Two- Family Dwelling Code as the regulations establishing a uniform construction code.

Act 45 has no significant effect on Cranberry Township since we adopted the 1999 BOCA and 1998 International One- and Two-Family Dwelling Code with Township Ordinances 99-290 and 99-292 (respectively). These codes have been enforced since March of 1999.

If you have any questions regarding the Township Building Codes, please contact Jeff Winkle at 724/776-4806, extension 1112; e-mail [winklej@twp.cranberry.pa.us](mailto:winklej@twp.cranberry.pa.us). Also, the State Department of Labor and Industry has established a web page regarding this matter: [www.li.state.pa.us/ucc/](http://www.li.state.pa.us/ucc/).

## Real Estate Tax Collector

The 2000 Butler County/Cranberry Township real estate taxes were mailed March 1, 2000. There has been no property tax increase this year for Butler County. The millage rate remains the same at 17.50 mills. Cranberry Township had a .50 mill increase in the fire tax which raises the millage to 12.25 mills from 11.75. Taxes are currently due at the discount amount until April 30, 2000. Then taxes can be paid at face value from May 1, 2000 until June 30, 2000. Penalty starts July 1, 2000 and ends December 31, 2000.

Office hours are Monday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Appointments are always available. Also, the office will be open Saturday, April 29, 2000 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The office is located in the Municipal Center on Rochester Road in the front hallway with the other elected officials and the Chamber of Commerce.

Please stop in or mail payments to P. J. Lynd T/C, 2525 Rochester Road, Suite 402, Cranberry Township, PA 16066. If you should have any changes in your mortgage company or are no longer using an escrow account to pay your property taxes, please contact the tax collector's office by phone at 724/776-1103 or by fax at 724/776-3011.

# John Rose, Fire Company Administrator

One of the most visible outcomes of the year-long Ad Hoc Committee on Recruitment and Retention was the recommendation that Cranberry Township create a position of fire company administrator. The committee recommended



this position as a means of alleviating the administrative burden that was being placed on volunteers to push paper instead of fighting fires. While the fire company exists to educate and protect the public, it operates much like any other business, and someone has to handle those issues. The committee viewed the new position as a means of economically adding stability and professionalism to the fire company.

John Rose has filled the position of fire company administrator since January 4, 1999. He has lived in the Township for more than 22 years. His background is in

accounting and finance functions, and he has broad experience in the business world and in volunteer firefighting. John has been a member of the Cranberry Volunteer Fire Company since 1981, and he has been an officer in the company every year since 1983.

John is an Air Force veteran who served from 1968 to 1972. He and his wife have two grown children, a daughter who lives in Cranberry and a son who lives in North Carolina. When he isn't working or fighting fires, John enjoys playing golf and going fishing. His most time consuming hobby involves his activity in his investment club.

John has made significant progress in the last year building and formalizing the administrative foundations of the fire company, but he considers his most significant accomplishment to be the improved communication within the fire company and between the fire company and the residents.

## CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OFFICERS FOR 2000

The following residents make up the leadership of the Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company:

### Brigade Officers

Chief	Wayne Kovac
Assistant Chief	Mark Nanna
1st Captain	Todd Rice
2nd Captain	Dan Owens
1st Lieutenant	Brian Kovac
2nd Lieutenant	Dale Hall
Rescue Officer	Jordan Greene

### Company Officers

President	Chris De Cree
Vice President	Lee Nanna
Secretary	Steve Dunham
Treasurer	Jim Cole
Director at Large	Gary Brewer
Director at Large	Bill Glantz

### Fire Police

Captain	Bill Sexton
1st Lieutenant	Ray Wetzel
2nd Lieutenant	Jim Sines

# Chamber of Commerce

## CRANBERRY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE/THORN HILL EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

The Cranberry Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the 2000 Student Essay Contest for seniors at Seneca Valley, Mars and North Allegheny High Schools. Three \$500 scholarships will be awarded to top entries submitted on the topic "Write Your Own Obituary." Scholarship applications may be picked up at school guidance offices, the Chamber or Township offices, at the Parks & Recreation Department, or in the Cranberry Library. Essays must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, March 24. For more information, call the Chamber office at 724/776-4949.

## ANNUAL THORN HILL COUNTY LINE 5K RACE

The Cranberry Area Chamber will sponsor the 11th Annual Thorn Hill County Line 5K Race & Walk on Sunday, July 23 in the Thorn Hill Industrial Park. This is a fun race for any level of runner and prizes are awarded for the top three finishers in 14 different age groups. All proceeds from the race go to the Cranberry Chamber Foundation/Thorn Hill Scholarship Fund which awards three scholarships to area high school seniors. (See article above.)

Registration forms will be available in the Chamber office by mid-June. Early registration (by July 14) for runners is \$11. After that date, the fee is \$13. Walkers may register for \$7. Call the Chamber for information at 724/776-4949.

## **FIRE COMPANY VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED**

The Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company has faced a problem common to all volunteer fire departments — declining membership. In the mid-1990s, the fire company had limited success in attracting new members and decided to expand their recruiting efforts. They solicited the assistance of the Cranberry Township Supervisors, resulting in the formation of an Ad Hoc Recruitment and Retention Committee on December 18, 1997. The committee consisted of five residents and business owners in Cranberry Township. Township employees and firefighters were available as consultants to the committee. The findings of the committee were presented to the Township Supervisors on September 10, 1998. The Supervisors enthusiastically supported the findings, and fire company leaders began to implement the initiatives.

The fire company began a program of advertising in local newspapers and encouraging feature articles on individual firefighters. They also began actively recruiting at Township functions, and asked all current firefighters to recruit a neighbor or a friend. The program has been running for 20 months, and the volunteer fire company has added 22 new members.

The Fire Company Recruitment and Retention Program has become a permanent structure within the fire company, acknowledging that the need for volunteer firefighters will not diminish.

Information on becoming a volunteer firefighter may be obtained by calling the fire station at 724/776-1196.

# *Cranberry Volunteer Fire Company*

The Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company (CTVFC) is looking forward to another year of volunteer service to the community. In 1999, the fire company assembled a number of statistics:

- CTVFC responded to 546 alarms with an average response time of 9 1/2 minutes (the average statewide response time of a volunteer fire company is 16 minutes);

- members contributed a total of 12,727 volunteer hours to the residents and business communities – of the total number of hours, 6,857 were related to alarm and staff hours, 3,625 hours were contributed to training, and 2,245 hours were spent at the two stations (Haine School and Park) performing maintenance work, committee functions and other related program activities.



Much effort was expended in the Recruitment and Retention Program which resulted in 22 new members, including four junior fire fighters. Although this increase is welcomed, more volunteers are needed. Firefighting is not the only option for fire company members. Other skills can be used to help administratively, or with the Fire Prevention Program, which is always in demand. The Fire Prevention Program was presented to more than 2,000 Cranberry residents, mostly children, and was conducted in schools, housing plans, and at various locations throughout the Township.

The CTVFC Annual Installation and Awards Dinner was held on January 15 in conjunction with the Cranberry Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Awards and special recognition were given to three members for 40 years of service each: Charles Beattie, Ralph Doerfler and George Fedeanis. Brigade Member of the Year Award was presented to Mark Nanna. Company Member of the Year Award was received by Chris DeCree. The Chief's Award recognized Dave Berneburg and Todd Rice for their efforts and assistance to the chief. The President's Award recognized Steven Dunham for his assistance to the president and dedicated service as secretary. Special awards were presented to Jim Sines and Gary Brewer in recognition of their efforts on behalf of The Friends of the Fire Company. And, the First Annual Rookie of the Year Award went to Jordan Greene.

As CTVFC begins another year of volunteer service, the members will continue to make every effort to give residents the best available fire service possible. Training schedules have begun, as have various community programs. We all find difficulty in committing time for volunteer service, but if you are able to be involved in any capacity, call the CTVFC at 724/776-1196, to get involved. Be assured, you will find a very satisfying and rewarding community experience!

The members of the Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company thank you, the residents and business community of Cranberry Township – friends and neighbors – for your support and encouragement. ●

# *Flashing Lights on a School Bus*

## *. . . protection for students*

Slippery roadways, high volumes of traffic, schools buses, and children crossing the street can be a formula for tragedy. To increase the chances of unforeseen incidents, morning school bus pick ups are done while it's still dark. Also, inclement weather pokes its ugly head into the scenario. This is why driver awareness is so important when a school bus driver actuates the flashing lights.

The school bus driver not only has to actuate the warning lights, but has to watch traffic in ALL directions, the children at the bus stop he/she is approaching, and the children already on the bus. If any one of those entities causes some alarm, the school bus driver's attention may be drawn there and away from one of the others. This is just one reason why the school bus driver assumes that oncoming or same direction traffic will obey the flashing lights of the school bus.

All drivers should be aware of the two stages of lighting for a school bus. The first stage is the FLASHING YELLOW LIGHTS. The flashing yellow lights will be actuated by the school bus driver not more than 300 feet or less than 150 feet from where the stop is actually going to be made.

**What are the responsibilities of the driver when yellow flashing lights are actuated?** The driver may pass a school bus, with caution, when the yellow flashing lights are actuated, but the driver should be prepared to stop when viewed. Once the school bus comes to a complete stop the yellow flashing lights will be turned off and the RED FLASHING LIGHTS will be actuated.

**What are the responsibilities of the driver when the red flashing lights are actuated?** The following is quoted from the PA Motor Vehicle Code (Title 75) pertaining to the duties of a driver at red flashing lights on a school bus; . . . "the driver of a vehicle meeting or overtaking any school bus stopped on a highway or trafficway shall stop at least ten feet before reaching the school bus when the red signal lights on the school bus are flashing and the side stop signal arms are activated" . . . "The driver shall not proceed until the flashing red signal lights are no longer actuated. In no event shall a driver of a vehicle resume motion of the vehicle until the school children who may have alighted from the school bus have reached a place of safety. The driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection at which a school bus is stopped shall stop his vehicle at that intersection until the flashing red signal lights are no longer actuated."

**What are the penalties for failure to stop for red flashing lights on a school bus?** If a driver should pass a school bus with its red flashing lights actuated, it's a summary traffic violation with a \$100 fine (+ court costs) upon conviction, but that is just the monetary penalty. A driver convicted of this violation also has five points assessed to his/her driving record and a 60-day suspension of driving privileges.

**Does a police officer have to view a driver committing this violation?** NO, an officer can issue a citation for this violation on the information received from the school bus driver or other drivers that may have viewed the violation. The information is taken by the officer and the citation is issued. The driver may then request a hearing on the violation. At the hearing the police officer and witnesses will provide testimony. The District Justice will then render a verdict.

Taking the safety of our children into account and the responsibilities given the school bus driver makes it extremely important that a driver approaching a school bus be extra careful. Not only is it a violation to pass a school bus with flashing red lights, but the chance of injuring a child is ever present. ●

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## BCCC AT CRANBERRY CENTER

Exciting things will be happening at the Cranberry Center of Butler County Community College this summer. Call us at 772-5520 for more information and a complete brochure.

- New to this site: Butler County Community College's Kids on Campus. Students may enroll who are in kindergarten through grade 12, depending on the course description. Our center will be host to several language camps – foreign languages and American Sign Language. We will also offer several computer classes for kids. These courses will range from beginning through various Microsoft software packages, such as Excel and Power Point. Also included will be fashion, finishing and fun.

- Adult and Community Education department (non-credit): classes range from boating safety, computers, art, photography, book discussion group, oral history, and story telling.

- Credit classes for those who want to get ahead in their college education, or to catch up on courses: health science, prep algebra, general psychology, introduction to microcomputing, prep English, Shakespeare, speech, Design Organization II, applied media & art illustration, drawing, introduction to business, creative thinking, macro economics, English I, intermediate algebra, College Math II, human growth/development, environment biology, Anatomy & Physiology II.

**Attention Senior Citizens:** The BCCC Senior Citizens' Passport allows individuals over the age of 62 to take credit classes for free. The courses may be taken for credit or audited (audit students do not receive credit for the class and do not have to do homework, take tests, etc.) A senior citizen could get an associate's degree tuition-free. Registration is the day before a class would begin.

**G.O.A.L.S.:** This summer we will offer human growth and development. We will be happy to provide more information about the Saturday classes and the 27 month degrees.

# D.A.R.E. Taught by Police in the Schools

You may have seen the word D.A.R.E. on bumper stickers, t-shirts, or on local police vehicles. What is D.A.R.E.? Ask a fifth or sixth grader in Seneca Valley and he or she will be able to tell you. D.A.R.E. is an acronym for; Drug Abuse Resistance Education, but it is much more. D.A.R.E. is an education program taught by uniformed police officers in the schools.



In Seneca Valley, police officers from the Cranberry Township, Evans City, Jackson Township, and Zelenople police departments have banded together to form a training team that goes into the Evans City and

Haine Middle Schools to teach a 17-lesson drug awareness and resistance program. The program is designed to arm students with the tools to deal with offers of drugs, peer pressure, violence, and media influences. The core lessons are taught to the fifth graders at the two middle schools. In addition, officers conduct visitations to students in kindergarten through the fourth grade preparing them for their D.A.R.E. experience in the fifth grade.

The titles of the 17 lessons are as follows: introducing D.A.R.E., understanding the effects of mind-altering drugs, considering consequences, changing beliefs about drug use, learning resistance techniques – ways to say no, building self-esteem, learning assertiveness – a response style, managing stress without taking drugs, reducing violence, combating media influences on drug use and violence, making decisions about risky behaviors, saying yes to positive alternatives, having positive role models, resisting gang and group violence, taking a stand, D.A.R.E. summary, and D.A.R.E. graduation. In addition to the 17 lessons for the students, there is a parents' night. On that evening the parents are taken through a typical D.A.R.E. lesson and an overview of the program is presented. The D.A.R.E. students are urged to attend the night with their parents.

The program is highlighted with a D.A.R.E. graduation. On this day the students are rewarded for all their efforts to complete the training. Certificates are presented, community leaders praise them for a "job well-done," and each student receives a black t-shirt with D.A.R.E. printed in red on the front. At Seneca Valley, only D.A.R.E. graduates get these shirts and the students wear them with pride.

The Cranberry Township Police Department was the first department in Butler County to send an officer to D.A.R.E. instructor training in 1986. Cranberry assisted in starting the D.A.R.E. program in both the Mars and Seneca Valley School Districts.

The D.A.R.E. program was developed by the Los Angeles Unified School District to be taught by the Los Angeles Police Department. Soon with the success of the program the L.A.P.D. began to train officers from other communities and other countries. Officers attend a two-week instructor development course prior to being certified to teach the program. D.A.R.E. is currently taught in all 50 states, military bases worldwide, and in Canada.

So, the next time you see D.A.R.E. you'll know exactly what it is, and if your child is in D.A.R.E., ask him or her about D.A.R.E. Day! ●

## LITTLE LEAKS OF WATER ADD UP TO GALLONS A DAY!

Did you know that a dripping faucet can waste 20 gallons a day? These leaks waste your water and your money.

SIZE OF LEAK	WATER WASTED EACH QUARTER <small>(Assuming 60lbs. of pressure)</small>
• 1/32" drip	18,500 gallons
• 1/16" trickle	74,000 gallons
● 1/8" stream	296,000 gallons
● 1/4" stream	1,181,000 gallons

### Take a few minutes to check for leaks. It could save you money.

Toilet leaks are hard to find. They are normally caused by a bad flapper valve, flapper valve seat, a bad ballcock valve, an improperly positioned float arm or, defective overflow tube. Test the toilet by putting food color dye into the tank. Do not flush. Leave 15-20 minutes. If color appears in the bowl then you have a leak and repairs must be made.

Faucet leaks are easy to detect. If it drips, or worse, continues to keep running after you shut it off, it needs to be fixed. If the dripping water is hot, it is costing you to heat the water.

Water dripping or running from the showerhead when the shower is turned firmly off is usually caused by bad washers or seats which need replacing. Also, check for leaks from the tub faucet when a tub shower is on. This leak will defeat the purpose of a low flow showerhead because the water you save with the low flow showerhead is lost from the faucet.

**REPAIRS:** Problems with plumbing fixtures may be due to old age and corrosion or wear and tear. Replacement or repair parts can be purchased at a hardware store or plumbing supply store. You can make the repairs yourself or consult a plumber.

## AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES ANNUAL FLUSHING PROGRAM

The Municipal Sewer and Water Authority of Cranberry Township will conduct its annual fire hydrant and distribution system flushing program beginning March 27. The flushing program is a regular Authority maintenance function to flush the water system and check fire hydrant operation.



Flushing will be done Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. All hydrants are scheduled to be flushed. Please do not phone the Township office, police department, or the 911 emergency number with any calls regarding the flushing schedule. All calls should be directed to the authority office at 724/776-4171.

Discolored water is to be expected during flushing. Customers should refrain from using water and doing laundry as much as possible when discolored water is present. If the water does not clear or return to normal pressure within a reasonable time or if water service is interrupted, customers should notify the authority office.

### 2000 Flushing Schedule

#### Week #1 – March 27

Commonwealth Drive, Pennwood Place, Keystone Drive, Freedom Road to Thornhill Road, Residence Inn Complex, Cranberry Mall, Route 19 north to Rochester Road, Cranberry Square, Cranberry Shoppes, Wal-Mart, Dutilh Road, Fairfield Inn, St. Francis Medical Center, Norberry Court, Red Roof Inn, AmeriSuites, Holiday Inn Express, Old Mars Road, Grandshire, Spring Meadows, Cranberry Woods/Mine Safety Appliances.

#### Week #2 – April 3

Freedom Road west of Commonwealth Drive, Clearbrook, Cranberry Estates, Sun Valley, Cranbrook, Woodlands, Swift Plan, Freedom Woods, Hampshire Woods, Autumn Hill, Blue Ridge Estates, Mystic Pine Trail.

#### Week #3 – April 10

Rochester Road from Route 19, Harvest/Holiday Drives, Kimberwicke, Powell Road south to Darlington Road, Haine School Road, Haine School, Valleybrook, Pineridge, Deer Run, Ashford Manor, Cranberry Pointe, Cranberry West, Creekwood, Creekwood Commons.

#### Week #4 – April 17

Executive Drive/Thomson Park Drive, Cranberry Corporate Center, Laurelwood, Sherwood Oaks, Fernway, Wisconsin Avenue, Route 19 north to Township Line.

#### Week #5 – April 24

Powell Road north to Glen Eden Road, The Crossings, Forest Park, Highland Village, Havenwood, Hunters Creek, Averys Field, Green Fields Estates, Woodbine, Freshcorn Road, Cranberry Heights, and Kingsbrook.

#### Week #6 – May 1

Glen Eden Road from Freshcorn Road to Route 19, Cedarbrook, Manor Creek Farms, Glen Eden Townhouses, Glenbrook, The Maples, Glen Eden Plan, Antler Ridge, Settlers Grove, Old Route 19, Ogle View Road, Unionville Road, Cranberry Industrial Park, Cranberry Community Park, Cranberry Business Park, Winchester Farms, Winchester Lakes.

#### Week #7 – May 8

McElroy Road, Fox Run, Canterbury Heights, LaGrande Drive, Rowan Road, Rowan School, Marshall Road, Mashuda Industrial Park, Old Towne Apartments, Scenic Ridge, Peters Road, Burke Road, Lakevue Estates, Crystal Springs, Timberline, Peace Street, St. Leonards Woods, North Boundary Road, Cranberry Water Park, Pinehurst, Franklin Road, Bristol Creek, Ehrman Road, Ehrman Farms, Grace Estates, Garvin Road, Oakview Estates.

## LIBRARY PROGRAMS

### The Larry Berg Talk Show

WISR 680 AM presents Let's Talk About Books! the fourth Monday of every month from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m., in cooperation with Cranberry Public Library and the Butler County Federated Library System. Books to be discussed are *Betty Zane* by Zane Grey on March 27, 2000, and *A Walk to Remember* by Nicholas Sparks on April 24, 2000.

### Bellevue Pediatrics Classes at

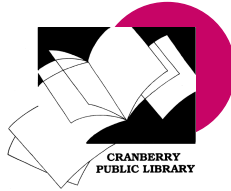
the Cranberry Public Library include Sibling Rivalry on March 28 at 7 p.m. with Dr. Leslie Frank, Solve Your Child's Sleep Problem on April 25 at 7 p.m. with Dr. Helen O'Hallaron, and Tough Toddlers on May 23 at 7 p.m. with Dr. James Rodrigues. Please call the library at 724/776-9100 to register.

**The Gift of a Book!** A meaningful way to remember or honor a person, a group, an occasion, a milestone. Give a gift of lasting value when you donate funds to Cranberry Public Library for the purchase of a book, an audiotape or a videocassette. Acknowledgments will be sent to the donor and to the person, or the family of the person being honored by the gift. A bookplate is placed in each gift book. For more information, call the library at 724/776-9100.

**Welcome Pat DiFiore** to her new position as the library's new adult services librarian! Pat, who lives in Cranberry Township with her family, has been a part-time staff member for six years. She is a graduate of Slippery Rock University with a bachelor's degree in library science and elementary education.

# Expansion/Renovation Planned for Library!

The Cranberry Township Board of Supervisors and the Cranberry Township Library Board are striving to meet the needs and keep pace with the rapid population growth in the Township. The library's total circulation has increased in nine years by 45 percent. In 1991, circulation was 117,000; in 1999, it was 170,000. Although the library has always promoted a strong children's program, the children's material collection is at capacity and needs more space. Emerging on-line technology services indicate a need for a separate computer lab/reference center.



On February 15, 1999 the library board created a Library Facility Expansion Committee to begin work on expansion/renovation plans. The Cranberry Township Supervisors gave approval on June 3, 1999, for architect Ralph Sterzinger to assist the expansion committee; the library board hired professional library building consultant Al Kamper.

This group has come up with a 4,200 square foot expansion project estimated to cost \$500,000. The new/renovated space will provide for an enlarged children's facility accessible to persons with disabilities, a new storytime room, additional public access computers in a computer lab/reference center created from the existing children's room, an improved young adult area, a separate small meeting room for tutoring/literacy and more effective use of the existing workroom space. To implement this addition, Cranberry Public Library and Cranberry Township is applying for a Keystone 2000 Grant for public library facilities.

## Internet Sites Available

Get on the Internet and view these selected consumer-oriented medical Web sites. They provide health and wellness information as well as disease process and management information.

•<http://www.americasdoctor.com>

Articles sponsored by participating hospitals as well as Medical Mall (online shopping for equipment and products.) Offers private, real-time, one-on-one dialogue with healthcare specialists.

•<http://www.healthinfoseek.com>

Search Merck manuals online. The American Medical Association is a content provider.

•<http://www.webmd.com>

There are two paths through this site: Newly Diagnosed and Living Better. Features include latest information on diseases.



# Adopt-A-Roadway

Thank you to all the volunteer groups and individuals listed below who continue to contribute a portion of their personal time toward the Adopt-A-Roadway program. The following is a list of currently adopted roads, and those highlighted roads that are still available for adoption as of January 31, 2000:

Mile	Road Name	Adopted By
0.5	Progress Ave.	Cranberry Women's Club
0.8	Burke Rd.	The Pindroh Family
0.8	Commonwealth Dr.	McKeever Earthkeepers
0.8	Darlington Rd.	Oakwood Apt Management
0.9	Old Route 19	Louis Zona, CPA
1.0	Executive & Thomson Pk. Dr.	BC3 - Cranberry Center
1.0	Powell Rd. (Rochester to Freedom)	Girl Scout Troop # 736
1.0	Unionville Rd. (Aberdeen to Glen Eden Rd)	The Donatelli Family
1.1	Haine School Rd.	Ashford Manor Condo. Assoc.
1.1	*Mars Rd.	I'm part of the Route 228 project, ask about me in the fall!
1.3	Hope & Woodlawn Rd.	The Treese Family
1.4	Ehrman / Old Ehrman Rd.	The Vogelsang Family
1.4	*Glen Rape Rd.	I'm available!
1.4	Goehring Rd.	The Graf Family
1.4	Marshall Rd.	Twp. of Cranberry, Employees & Families
1.5	Peters Rd.	Boy Scout Troop #404
1.5	Unionville (Route 19 to Aberdeen) & Ogleview Rd.	Ross & Lacher Construction
1.6	Graham School Rd.	Dutilh UMC Youth Group
1.7	Bear Run Rd.	Plains Presbyterian Church
1.7	North Boundary Rd.	Volunteer Ambulance Corp
1.7	Powell Rd. (Rochester to Glen Eden Rd.)	Girl Scout Troop #509
1.9	Freshcorn Rd.	The Davis Family
2.0	Garvin Rd.	Scott & Charlotte Wood

\*A minimum two year commitment is required to be an adopting organization, business, family or individual, with a **minimum of one spring and one fall organized clean-up each year**. For information on the program contact the Adopt-A-Roadway Coordinator, Barby Cheetham, at the Township Public Works Office, 724/776-4806 ext. 1500, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.



## STREET SWEEPING 2000

### 1. EQUIPMENT & OPERATOR

Cranberry Township has one street sweeping unit. It runs at approximately three miles per hour in the sweeping mode. If there is an excess of debris left due to a harsh winter it may be necessary for the operator to make three to four passes over the same area to do a thorough job. Material must be dumped from the sweeper when the holding unit is full – if it appears the driver is leaving before the job is complete, he will return.

### 2. PROGRAM BEGINS.....

Depending on weather conditions the Township street sweeping program can begin as early as January.

### 3. LOCATION, LOCATION!

The initial location for street sweeping alternates between opposite sides of the Township from year to year. If the program starts on the side your residence is located on, then your streets will be completed in late winter or spring, if not, then just a little later. The following year it should be just the opposite!

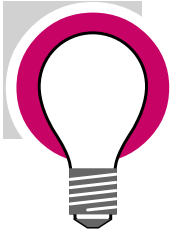
### 4. PLAN OF ACTION

We wish everyone's street could be cleared from debris the first day of the program, but we know that's impossible. From the initial starting area, the driver uses his discretion to determine the next to be swept. Unfortunately adhering to a strict schedule would be futile due to unforeseen weather, road conditions, and equipment maintenance procedures.

### 5. PROGRAM COMPLETION

The street sweeping program which includes all Township maintained roads is usually completed by June 1. **All residential streets are given the same priority, and each road will be swept in the most timely manner possible.**

We won't forget you!



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### COMMUNITY TENNIS COURTS

Contracted resurfacing of the Tennis Courts at Cranberry Community Park was delayed in the fall due to unforeseen circumstances. The plant that produces the asphalt material required for finishing the court floor will not reopen until early spring of this year. Projected completion, and opening to Township residents is late April or early May.

### PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS UNDER REVIEW

Have you heard rumors about a piece of property being developed and wonder how you can find out if it's true? For a listing of proposed developments and their status, along with a description and a property location map, visit the Cranberry Township website at <http://www.twp.cranberry.pa.us> and click on Departments, Community Planning and Codes, and Proposed Developments Under Review or for the specific URL, <http://www.twp.cranberry.pa.us/codes/plans.html>.

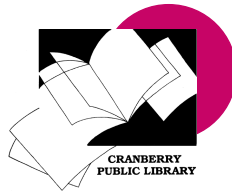
You can also link to the appropriate meeting agenda for each development and a calendar of "dates to remember."

### FIND US ON THE WEB!

The Township has its own World Wide Web site. Check it out for information on Township administration, zoning and planning, public safety, and more. Here's where to find it – <http://www.twp.cranberry.pa.us>.

# Youth Services at the Library

Monday, March 6, will begin registration for the April 2000 session of **Daytime Storytime** for three, four, & five year olds. This is a 45-minute program held once a week for six weeks. Classes of 20 children each are held on Tuesdays or Thursdays at 11 a.m. or 1 p.m. and run from April 11 or 13 through May 16. Children must be potty-trained and must be three and no older than five years old by the first class period. All children must be registered in order to attend. No telephone registration.



**Infant Nursery Rhyme Time**, a half-hour program for little ones ages birth through 23 months and their caregivers will be held on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. or 1 p.m. beginning March 7 through March 28. One parent must accompany one child. There is no pre-registration nor class size limit. No children older than 23 months are allowed.

**Two-Year-Old Storytime**, a half-hour program for two-year-olds and their caregivers, will be held Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. or Thursday mornings at 11 a.m. from March 8 or 9 through March 29 or 30. One parent must accompany one child. There is no pre-registration nor class size limit. To keep this a quality one-on-one experience, no children older or younger than two are allowed.

**Family Pajama Storytime**, a half-hour storytime for children of all ages and their parents, will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. from April 12 through May 17. No registration is required, but parents must accompany children. Pj's, blankets and pillows are encouraged.

All the above programs are held in the Library Meeting Room.

**To listen to a recorded story for younger children** and a book review for older youngsters, both of which are changed weekly, dial 724/776-5099.

**Entries in the Butler County Federated Library System Poetic Expressions Contest** are on display in the Children's Room through the end of March. Local winners will be announced on March 13. County winners will be announced on March 20.

**The 2000 Summer Reading/Read-To-Me Program and the Young Adult Summer Reading Raffle** will begin on June 19. Watch for more details in the library.

If you have questions about children's programs or materials, dial 724/776-9100, ext. 1124.



### BERKHEIMER ASSOCIATES

Berkheimer Tax Sitting Dates for 2000 at the Cranberry Township Municipal Center are the following Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.: April 8, April 29, July 29, and October 28, 2000, and January 27, 2001.

Berkheimer Associates is your Act 511 Tax Collector. Verbal Assistance may be offered but taxpayer is responsible for completing and signing the return.

# Cranberry Connector Project I-79/Turnpike Connection

Information regarding the Cranberry Connector Project, a planned roadway between the Turnpike and I-79 in southern Butler County near the existing Cranberry toll plaza (Exit 3 of the Turnpike) is available in the Cranberry Municipal Center. Information booklets provided by the Department of Transportation (PennDOT) can be found near the map of this project located close to the entrance of the Cranberry Public Library. This information can also be viewed on the Township's website at [www.twp.cranberry.pa.us](http://www.twp.cranberry.pa.us). You will find information such as who to contact if you have questions, a project description, environmental impact information, traffic control, schedules and costs. PennDOT plans to issue these booklets periodically as new information is available.

## Cranberry Winters of the Past

Winters of the past and how we spent them are somewhat different from how we do things today. If you look back 60 years to 1940, things really looked different – from transportation to family activity. When bad weather hit back then, particularly snow, most people became homebound.

The roads 60 years ago were not as they are now. Back then there were no housing developments but only farms and houses scattered in the countryside. Our population was around 1,000. The only paved roads were generally state roads, which included Route 19, Rochester Road, Freedom Road, and Mars Crider Road. The roads overseen by the Township were dirt or limestone roads. Bad weather would make these roads impassable due to snow, and sometimes mud. One resident who lived along Franklin Road remembers her father would park their car at a neighbor's garage near Mars Crider Road three quarters of a mile from home. He and the family would then walk that distance in the snow or mud. If the father had something he had to carry, such as farm supplies or groceries, he would put them in a wheelbarrow and push the wheelbarrow home.

Today things have changed. The sound of the Township snow truck plow scraping the road is a sign that we can get to work, or we or our loved ones can travel safely.

Much has changed in 60 years. The Township is making history due to its recent development in both residential and commercial areas. If you would like to learn more about Cranberry history the Cranberry Township Historical Society has information available, and the Society has an impact in the Township's preservation of history. One important project the Society is currently involved in is the restoration of the Sample one-room school house, now located outside of the Township Municipal Center. This building dates back to the 1870s, and its restoration is a partnership between the Historical Society and the Township. The building was also the first Township Municipal Building.

If you would like to become a member of the Historical Society, an application is below for your benefit. The Society has four general meetings per year for members that deal with local and surrounding history. A Board of Directors meets monthly and the general public is invited to attend those meetings. If anyone has questions about our local history, he or she can write the Society at P.O. Box 1931, Cranberry Township, PA 16066. Come join us!

**Cranberry Township Historical Society**  
**P.O. Box 1931**  
**Cranberry Township, PA 16066-0245**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Check:**

- New Membership Application
- Renewal of Membership
- Contribution

**Check Membership Category:**

- Individual \$15 Annually
- Family Member \$25 Annually
- Student \$5 Annually
- Business/Organization \$50 Annually
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Please make checks payable to: Cranberry Township Historical Society  
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The Board meets on the first and last Thursday of every month in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Center at 7:00 p.m.

Comments or suggestions concerning the newsletter are welcome and may be directed to the Municipal Center.

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**MARCH 2000**

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*Township Police Officers  
Recognized for Service*

Members of the Cranberry Township Police Department were recently recognized by the Board of Supervisors. Officers Kevin Meyer and William Ahlgren were cited for saving the life of George Tanner. The police officers were first on the scene and used the automated external defibrillator on Mr. Tanner, who was suffering a cardiac arrest. Officer Christopher Zevola assisted in the delivery of baby Emily Kerr at the home of her parents.



*Officer Christopher Zevola with the Kerr family, including Stephen, Tina, Michael, Kelly, and baby Emily.*



*Police Officers Kevin Meyer and William Ahlgren were recognized at a recent Board of Supervisors meeting by Chairman Dick Hadley and Valerie Joseph, a representative of SurVivalink.*

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